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1. I MET WITH MFA PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY EIGIL JORGENSEN
ON APRIL 19 RE PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS IN ANTICIPATION
OF NATO MEETING IN LONDON. JORGENSEN SAID THAT DANES HAVE
NO OBJECTIONS TO BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH ALLIES IN
WASHINGTON, TO BE FOLLOWED BY BROADER DISCUSSIONS LATER AT
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NATO BRUSSELS.HE CONTINUED THAT HE ALREADY HAD RECEIVED
A REPORT OF AMBASSADOR BORCH'S MEETING WITH NATIONAL SECURITY
COUNCIL MEMBERS IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 18.

2. EIGIL JORGENSEN SAID THAT AT THE LONDON MEETING PRIME
MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN WOULD PROBABLY COMMENT ON THE
DANISH POSITION ON SPEAKING OUT ON HUMAN RIGHTS. PERMANENT

UNDER SECRETARY SAID THE DANES STRONGLY SUPPORT OVERALL AMERICAN EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT BE SOMEWHAT MORE NUANCED IN HIS APPROACH TO THIS PROBLEM THAN USG BECAUSE DANES QUESTION THE VALUE OF A CONFRONTATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION ON THIS ISSUE.

3. COMMENT: THE DANES HAVE LONG BEEN VOCAL ADVOCATES OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN GENERAL AND A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, HAS CONDEMNED RECENT ACTS OF SUPPRESSION BY COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS. THE DANISH GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN CHARY OF PUBLICLY AND OFFICIALLY CRITICIZING SUCH ACTS. IN ITS JUDGMENT, MORE CAN BE ACHIEVED IN CONCRETE TERMS QUIETLY THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. THIS MAY BE THE LINE THAT WILL BE TAKEN BY THE PRIME MINISTER IN LONDON.
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